

***For Your Information***  
***Weekly***  
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF  
October 17, 2014

**There will be a scheduled power outage beginning at midnight Wednesday, October 22, 2014. This outage is necessary to make needed repairs to the Clewiston Substation and is expected to last 3 – 3 ½ hours, unless unforeseen problems occur. Please contact the Clewiston Utilities office at 863-983-1454 with any questions.**

**Dates to Remember:**

October 20, 2014	City Commission Meeting
October 25, 2014	Fall Festival – Sugar Festival Field

**Staff Reports**

**Police Chief Gutshall reports:**

- Staff has traveled to several local, county and State trainings for EBOLA awareness and protocol. We are training now within the department and updating our response equipment and protective gear.
- Considering a number of high profile police / citizen conflicts around the country, we have begun to proactively train officers through scenario based conflict resolution interaction. Hopefully we can avoid any unfortunate situations.
- Magistrate hearings are set for this week. Two nuisance properties, one lien reduction, and eight red light camera offenses will be heard.
- Officers responding to a request for welfare check found a deceased resident at 219 Crescent on Monday morning. At this point the death appears natural in cause.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
  - 1217** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
  - 611** Complaints Investigated
  - 17** Arrests Made
  - 38** Traffic Citations Issued
  - 17** Traffic Warnings Issued
  - 18** City Ordinance / Code Violations
  - 64** Merchant Escorts Provided
  - 11** Alarms Responded To
  - 38** Red Light Camera Violations
  - 1** Traffic Accident Investigated

**Public Works Director Scheffler reports:**

- Street Maintenance: (1) Pot hole patrol was out repairing holes Friday. (2) Staff will be working with the Electric crew Wednesday, Thursday & Friday hauling tree trimmings. (3) 350 pounds of fertilizer was placed around the palm trees in town this week.
- Senior Citizens Building Renovations: (1) The landscaping across the front of the building has been completed. (2) A flag pole was installed. (3) An arbor will be installed over the park bench this week.
- The pre-bid meeting for the advertised mosquito control contract took place on Tuesday with two contractors attending.
- 2015 Paving project: The contract was sent to Dan Weekly last week for signing. When it is returned, the City will schedule the project start date which should be around the first of December.
- City Manager Al Perry, Public Works Director Sean Scheffler, and City Engineer Tommy Perry met with Phil Flood (SFWMD) Tuesday afternoon to discuss potential funding sources for a large drainage project on Ventura Ave.
- Boat Basin: The City has entered into an agreement with Aquatic Systems Inc. for the control of aquatic vegetation to the water line in the basin.

**Recreation Director Ramer reports:**

- The Senior Citizens Building is getting a few last minute touch-ups and punch list items taken care of this week and next in anticipation for our “GRAND OPENING” on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for the community hosted by Hope Connections and the City of Clewiston will be hosting a Chamber Social the same day beginning at 5:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!
- John Boy Auditorium Northside A/C air handler has been installed and the condensing unit will be put in this week.
- AYSO continues into their 3<sup>rd</sup> week of practice and games. Please check our Fb page for game schedules and times.
- The CHS Girls and Boys Soccer try-out began this week and will continue through next week. Please check our Fb page for game schedules and times.
- The Clewiston Recreation Department staff are putting the final plans together for the 2014 “Kid’s Fall Festival” scheduled for Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Sugar Festival Field. Contact Joanna at the Youth Center 983-1492 if you are interested in participating and having a booth.
- Go to [www.clewistonrecreation.com](http://www.clewistonrecreation.com) to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

**Utilities Director Williams reports:**

- The Electric Crew changed out four poles on Mississippi Avenue. They had an unusual number of street light repairs this week, including the crosswalk and a green light at Francisco Street. Tree trimming is also continuing.
- The Electric Crew repaired lights and a panel at the soccer field and assisted with repairs to the football field lights.
- The Water/Sewer Crew will be flushing hydrants on Saturday night October 18, 2014. The vacuum truck was here for 2 days cleaning liftstations.

- Two customers were caught tampering this week. One in Aztec Trailer Park and another in Sugarland Plaza.
- If you are considering replacing your air conditioner or insulation, remember the City offers a rebate program for those items. Most local contractors participate in the program and can give you information. You can also visit our website at [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov) or call our office.
- **DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR METER BASED SURGE PROTECTION!** Visit our office today.
- **ONLINE UTILITY PAYMENT IS NOW AVAILABLE!** You can register your account by visiting our website at [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov) and click on the link at the bottom of the page or by going to <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl>. Payments can be made by credit or debit card. You can also review your account activity, consumption history and request certain work orders.